

How Cloths Were Named.

About the year 1329, as we learn from the Woman's Home Journal, the woolen trade of England became located at Worsted, about fifteen miles from Norwich, and it was at this place that the manufacture of the twisted double thread of woolen, afterwards called worsteds, was first made if not invented.

Travelers by rail in Brittany often glide past Guingamp without remembering that it was here that was produced that useful fabric, gingham.

Muslin owes its name to Mousoul, a fortified town in Turkey in Asia. Tulle obtains its name from that of a city in the South of France.

Kerseymere takes its name from the village of Kersey and the mere close by it, in the county of Suffolk.

We have to thank Gaza in Palestine, the gates of which Sampson carried away, for gaze or gauze. Gaza means "treasure," and precious to the fair is the tissue which covers without concealing their charms. Voltaire, wishing to describe some intellectual but perhaps dressy woman, said: "She is an eagle in a cage of gauze."

Damask derives its name from the city of Damascus; calico from Calicut, a town in India, formerly celebrated for its cotton cloth, and there also calico was printed; cambrie from Cambrai, a town in Flanders, where it was first made, and tweed from a fabric worn by fishermen upon the River Tweed.

Suggestions for the Housewife.

Keep honey in the dark, as the bees do, or you will find that it granulates. Should a room seem damp, distribute salt in shallow bowls about in places where it will not be conspicuous, and an improvement will be noticed if it is said.

Nuts are beginning to take their places as factors in the catering for a family. They contain a large amount of nourishment, and owing to their oily nature digest easily. Eaten with salt they are palatable.

To extinguish blazing lard never use water, as it only adds to its fury, besides sending a black smudge over everything in the room. A dash of flour or sand will at once quench the flames and perhaps save the house.

An easy and satisfactory way to remove dust from a painted floor is to wet a flannel bag, wring it out as dry as possible, put it on the broom and drag it in even strokes over the floor. All the dirt will in this way be collected in one place and can be easily taken up without leaving streaks of dust on the paint.

The best cooks are now substituting lemon juice for vinegar in the dressing of salads, particularly cabbage. Grated horse-radish mixed with lemon juice is also much more delicate than when vinegar is used. Crisp shaved cabbage dressed with oil and lemon juice can be assimilated by even very capacious stomachs which rebel at other acids.

It is said that potatoes broken up with a fork are nicer than potatoes mashed. Boil the potatoes until mealy, then work them fine with a three-pronged fork. Stir in a pinch of salt and a large lump of butter. Moisten with milk and whip well with the fork. The result will be foamy white potatoes. Maryland cooks heap the potatoes in a serving dish and set them in a hot oven a few minutes before served. A brown dust is formed and a sprig of parsley is stuck in a lump of butter on the top.

Watch the Cellar.

Quick lime, borax, charcoal, dry copers and plaster are the things to make and keep a cellar sweet and fresh. Move out all things moveable, sweep, take up dust, open bins and closets, and set doors and windows wide. Then in every bin, or enclosed space, set an earthen vessel, dish or bowl, with several lumps of quicklime in it. Strew grains of dry copers all over the lime, then slack it, do not wet it, yet be sure the slacking is thorough. Steam from the lime, rising up and out, will take away all bad air and ill odors, says Emily Holt in Chicago Record-Herald.

Leave the cellar open and empty for two hours, then scatter dry powdered borax all around in corners and along the walls and wherever there is a place where it will not be in the way, hang a piece of net, such as fish net, with some lumps of fresh charcoal tied inside. Leave the borax until next cleaning time. Take the charcoal bags down every week, empty them, heat the charcoal very hot, return to the bags and replace them. Charcoal has a marvelous power to absorb all sorts of bad smells. The power is strictly proportioned to its freshness, which the heating restores.

Make cheese cloth pads of plaster, mixed with powdered slacked lime, and hang them against the walls that are likeliest to be damp. Lime and plaster are so thirsty, they take all the spare water to themselves, thereby preventing must and mold. A good way to make the pads is to stitch or run inch tucks in a length of cheese cloth or coarse lawn, then slip a funnel spout into the open end of the tuck, and pour in the plaster and lime. Make the tucks an inch apart, and fill them evenly. Powdered charcoal may be mixed with the lime and plaster for pads which are to hang where food stuffs are kept.

Government officials see first more in general war by Europe against American tariff in action of Russia in imposing retaliatory and higher duties on resin and bicycles imported from this country and of Italy in advancing rates on plows.

TAKING BATHS IN FINLAND.

Heroic Methods by Which the Men Cleanse Their Bodies.

A primitive sort of Turkish bath is indulged in by some of the Finlanders of northern Norway. In winter in this part of the country the thermometer averages forty degrees below zero and water bathing is not practicable. These Finlanders, unlike the Lapps farther north, have an instinct for bodily cleanliness and manage to preserve it after the following fashion: Paul Du Chailin, who knows from personal experience, declares the method fine. Each hamlet has a bath house for common use. It is perhaps fifteen feet long by twelve feet wide. It boasts no windows and only when the door is opened can air or light enter.

Bathing day comes once a week—Saturday. Early in the morning of that day wood is brought and a fire started. When the stones become hot the fire is put out, the place cleaned, a large vessel of water and some slender birch twigs brought in and the preparations declared complete. As no dressing room is provided, toilets are made and made in the various homes. It is scarcely necessary to add that no time is lost in the progress from the home to the bath house. No clothes and a temperature of forty degrees below zero are incentives to haste.

When all the men and boys are in the bath house and the door closed, water is thrown upon the hot stones until the place is filled with steam. Perspiration pours from the sweating bodies, yet more active exercise is demanded and swiftness comes into play. Each bather lays on his neighbor with a will until "Enough" is cried. Again water is thrown upon the stones, more steam raised and another switching indulged in. As may be imagined, the bodies are now as red as boiled lobsters and the blood circulating actively. A roll in the snow completes this novel bath.

Old Age Pensions in Russia.

The St. Petersburg Official Messenger announces that pensions available for the families of the beneficiary after his death will henceforward be granted to all workmen in state employ. For the present the measure is only promulgated as a provisional ukase, but it is to be embodied among the permanent laws of the Russian empire. The newspapers hail the reform as one which all private capitalists employing labor on a large scale will be compelled to adopt.

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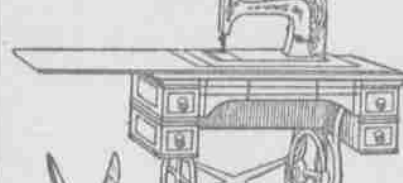
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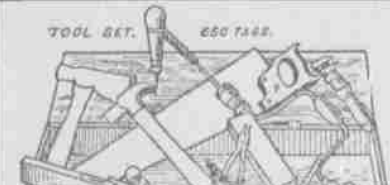
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